

TUTHILL TELLS OF VISITING THE LATIMER HOME.

the corner.
Q. You saw some person in the closet? A. Yes.
Q. You then went to the bathroom and got a match and lit the gas. A. Yes.
Q. Did you think it was a burglar? A. I don't know. I knew it was a man.

Mrs. Latimer began to cry. Byron Latimer, whose arm was about the witness's chair, embraced her and she continued:

Q. Then what? A. I knew there was a man there and I told Bert so, and then I opened the door and he stepped out.

Q. What did you say? A. "There he is."
Q. When did your husband first speak? A. As I opened the closet door and the man came out.

Q. That was when your husband picked up the clothes and sprang from the bed. A. Yes.

Q. Do you know why your husband took up the bed clothes in that manner? A. I do not.

Q. Was your husband as tall a man as William Latimer? A. Yes, quite as tall a man and muscular.

Q. Do you know where the first shot struck your husband? A. I think the first shot was in the face, and as he fell the second shot was fired.

Q. Did you attempt to draw back the burglar's mask? A. No, sir.

Burglar Left-Handed.

Q. You are entirely unable to give a better description than you have done? A. I can tell no more than I have done.

Q. Now in which hand did the burglar hold the revolver. A. In his left hand.

Q. Did you scream then? A. I certainly did scream both before and after the shooting.

Q. What was it that made you pull down the window shade? A. Force of habit merely.

Q. I am requested to ask you why you did not scream out of the front window when you first went there?

A. I did scream, and from front and back windows.

Husband Was Awake.

Q. Was Mr. Latimer awake when you got out of bed? A. He was.

Q. So he knew just what you were doing and what you had said? A. He did.

Q. Did you see the color of the man's hair? I did not.

The sixth juror asked: "When you got up and went to the bathroom was your husband awake? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was he awake when you got out of bed? A. Yes, fully.

Q. He could observe your actions? A. Yes, he appeared to when I got up, and asked, What is the matter?

Mrs. Latimer was then excused and the inquest was adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow.

HEARD LOUD TALK SEVEN MINUTE SBEFORE SHOOTING.

Ellis Kasindorf, a cloakmaker, of No. 423 Tompkins avenue on the day of the shooting, said he frequently saw the Latimers in their yard.

Q. On the morning of July 2 did you hear cries? A. I was asleep. My wife woke me. I lay still a moment, then jumped to a window and heard voices. I leaned out of the window and tried to hear what was going on.

Nelson seemed to come from three houses from where I lived.

Q. What were those noises? A. I could not really tell.

Q. Were they shouts or only talk? A. First some loud talk, then I heard and louder.

Q. Was it like the sound of people quarrelling? A. That I could not exactly tell.

Q. A woman's voice? A. Just voices.

Q. Well. A. And then as they got louder I heard two shots, and then there were screams of "Murder! Murder!" We stood for a long time in the window, and I noticed the yard and saw nothing. A few moments later I saw the policemen climbing over the fence. I saw none leaving the Latimer house. My window enabled me to see everything in the rear of the Latimer house.

Q. Could you see Latimer's house on Hancock street? A. From the rear.

"Mr. Latimer's house is the third house from the corner of Hancock," said Mr. Clarke. "Was it from that direction that you heard the screams?"

"It was."

Q. How long did you hear the conversation before the shots? A. About seven minutes.

Q. And then the talk got louder and louder? A. Yes.

Q. Until the shots? A. Yes.

Q. And then came the screams? A. Yes.

Q. Could you look over the fences from the windows? A. Oh, yes, I could see clear to Throop avenue.

Q. And no one escaped over the fences? A. No, sir, nobody.

TUTHILL TELLS OF HIS SEEING MRS. LATIMER.

There was a ripple of excitement when William H. Tuthill was called. Tuthill was extremely nervous. He clutched the arms of the chair tightly.

District-Attorney Clarke treated him very gently, almost apologetically, in his opening questions. Mr. Clarke asked:

Q. You are aware your name was brought into this case through certain circumstances, and you learned that Mr. Latimer in the hospital said that he knew the man who shot him? A. Yes. I read that.

Knew of Latimer's Questions.

Q. Have you heard that Latimer at the hospital asked if you had been watched? A. Yes.

Q. And that he knew who shot him? A. Yes.

Q. You went away on your vacation to White Lake and returned voluntarily? A. Yes.

Q. And you are here to tell all you know? A. Yes.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Latimer? A. Six or seven years.

Q. Belonged to the same crowd? A. Yes.

Q. An intimacy sprung up between you and him through the council? A. Yes.

Q. When did you meet Mrs. Latimer? A. Oh, about a year after I met Mr. Latimer.

Q. You know that Mrs. Latimer has testified here that you took her to dinner? A. Yes. I was waiting for a friend at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue. I met Mrs. Latimer.

Q. Was that by previous appointment? A. No, I asked her what she was doing there, and she said the store she was going to was closed and I told her to come and take lunch with me. We went to the St. Denis to lunch and then went home.

Q. What was done then? A. Well, I suggested a bicycle ride in Prospect Park, and I went with Mrs. Latimer to her house and when she entered I remained downstairs on the stoop and waited for her.

Explained to Latimer.

Q. What was the outcome of this trip? A. I received a letter from Mr. Latimer and went to see him and explained matters to his satisfaction. There was no interruption to our friendship.

Q. How frequently did you visit the house. A. Once in three weeks.

Q. Were you in the habit of wheeling with Mrs. Latimer? A. No, sir.

Q. Were you at any time alone with Mrs. Latimer? A. Not that I remember.

Q. Were your relations with Mrs. Latimer quite cordial? A. Quite cordial. We never had a cross word or argument.

Q. What kind of a bicycle suit have you? A. A light blue coat, a blouse jacket and black-and-white trousers.



MRS. ALBERT C. LATIMER.

LATIMERS IMPLICITLY TRUST BROTHER'S WIDOW

Strategy was resorted to by the various members of the Latimer family to-day to attend the inquest without being photographed. Borough Hall was surrounded by a corps of photographers, all anxious to secure a picture of the principal figures in the mystery.

Miss Fannie Latimer was the first member of the family to arrive. She came in by the front door and skipped nimbly up the steps and went directly to the room where the inquest is being held. G. Byron Latimer, accompanied by Roundman Agnew, of the Gates avenue station, a personal friend, came down Fulton street, and before any one

Q. That suit you had in July two years ago? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you been riding a wheel? A. Three or four years.

Saw Mrs. Latimer in Store.

Q. Did Mrs. Latimer ever visit your place of business in Brooklyn? A. I had no place in Brooklyn.

Q. Did you not see Mrs. Latimer in Verris's store? A. Yes.

Q. How often? A. Twice. She came to look at samples for her parlor furniture.

Q. For a cozy corner? A. I guess it was.

Q. Now to come down to the night of the shooting of Mr. Latimer. Will you kindly explain your movements? A. That night I went to the Clarendon Hotel for dinner. I then called on a young lady. I can give you her name if you insist, but I prefer to leave her out of this.

"Certainly, leave her out," said Mr. Clark.

His Story of the Shooting.

"I then went to my home, arriving at 10 o'clock. My servant heard me and called out, 'Is that you, Mr. Will?' You can call her if you like; she is here in court. I then retired and the next thing I heard was the ringing of my bell, and when I went to the window there was a patrol wagon in front of the house.

"The officer said there had been an accident on Hancock street, near Tompkins avenue, and they wanted me, so I dressed hurriedly and went down and went to the Latimer house in the wagon. That was 3 A. M., or a few minutes from that time.

"When I got to the house I shook hands with Mrs. Latimer and said, 'This is a terrible affair.'

"Yes, Will," she answered. "Bert told me to send for you if anything ever happened." I went upstairs and Dr. Morrison and the police were there. There were friends around whom I knew.

"Dr. Parker was there, too, and was giving Mr. Latimer a hypodermic injection. Then I went downstairs and found Mrs. Latimer dreadfully hysterical. Mrs. Latimer was very much excited, but we finally calmed her so that she could tell us that William Latimer lived at No. 120 Cornelia street.

"Some one went for him and I remained in the house until William Latimer and others came. Mrs. Latimer was very excited and we could get very little information from her.

Saw Latimer in Hospital.

Q. Subsequent to that did you visit Mr. Latimer at the hospital? A. I did.

Q. What occurred? A. I went with Dr. Morrison in a quiet kind of a way. We went to the room. Mr. Latimer said, "Hello, Willie, how is the mistress?" "She is getting along all right."

Q. Who was present with you? A. Dr. Morrison.

Tuthill's Statement.

Q. Now, Mr. Tuthill, is there any statement you wish to make in regard to the matter in which your name has been used at this inquest?

A. I have just one statement to make. It was testified by G. Byron Latimer that his brother Albert asked him at the hospital "Is Tuthill watching?" and he answered "Yes." And G. B. Latimer testified later that he had said "yes" merely to satisfy his brother. Further, Byron Latimer testified that he asked his brother "Will I order Tuthill out of the house?" and Albert answered "Yes."

Now, in answer to all this, I have only to say that the last time I saw



WILLIAM H. TUTHILL.

Latimer or any of his brothers, except Albert, was on March 28 last, and then Byron Latimer and I had a most friendly conversation.

At no time did Byron Latimer or any of his brothers show any signs of being displeased at my visits to Albert Latimer's house.

Q. Do you remember a visit to Asbury Park with Mr. and Mrs. Latimer? A. No, sir.

Stayed at Latimer Home.

Q. Did you remain at the Latimer house on the night after the shooting? A. I did. I went back at 6. William Latimer was in the dining-room. He said the Regents of the council had appointed him acting collector.

He said he had to go home and fix up the books and asked me if I would stay. I said I would, and I stayed.

Q. Did you again stay Saturday night? A. Yes. I will explain. Mrs. Latimer asked me to wait, as she did not want to stay in the house alone.

While I was waiting a messenger boy came with a message from William Latimer saying Mr. Latimer's temperature was high, and he would stay at the hospital all night, so I stayed at the Latimer house that night. "There were others there."

Q. What was the last time before that when you visited the Latimer house? A. It was fully two weeks before.

Q. And not after that until the night of the shooting? A. No.

Mr. Tuthill left the stand without telling all that was expected of him by the police and the coroner.

CRIES OF "WALTER, WALTER!" HEARD AFTER THE SHOOTING.

Frank Taylor, of No. 261 Halsey street, testified:

"I heard screaming. I arose, went to the back window and heard some shots fired. Then I heard some one cry, 'Walter, Walter!'"

Q. Did you hear her screaming? Were there any distinct cries? A. Only "Walter, Walter!"

Q. From what direction did the cries come? A. From the direction of the Latimer house.

Q. How far is your house from the Latimer's? A. Across the street. How far distant? A. One hundred yards, three hundred feet.

Q. What did you do? A. I got up, met a watchman and a policeman and told them.

Q. How long after you heard the screams, "Walter, Walter!?" A. Five to eight minutes.

Q. When you got there did you see anybody come over the fence. A. No.

Saw No Strangers.

Charles L. Taylor, brother of the preceding witness, was next called to the stand.

Q. How far did you reside from the Latimer home? A. One hundred yards.

Q. Did you hear anything on the night of July 2? A. I heard considerable screaming, and for a time I was sure it was a woman's voice. I heard the words "Walter" and "murder," and they might have been the same. Then I heard two shots, and the woman who had been screaming came out in the open and yelled "murder." My brother and I ran out to



CORONER WILLIAMS.

knew it had entered by a side door. William C. Latimer and his wife entered by the same door.

Mrs. Sadie Latimer, the widow of the murdered man, accompanied by Harry Latimer, entered from the Court street side through a basement door which is seldom used. She went to the room of the Court of Special Sessions, where the inquest is being held.

W. H. Tuthill, who is to be the star witness, went in the front door and was shown to Coroner Williams's office. From there he was directed to the witness room.

Capt. Reynolds was much averse to being photographed, and kept his hands over his face as he entered the building.

William C. Latimer said to an Evening World reporter:

"I sincerely hope it will be proven conclusively that a burglar shot my brother. I wish this for the children's sake. I have never said whether I believe it was or was not an inside job. My brothers and myself are following every possible clue. All sorts of stories have been told us, many palpable untruths, but you can say positively that the family believes implicitly that Mrs. Latimer has told everything she knows about the shooting. It is false that we believe she knows more than she has told. We are convinced that she knows nothing more than she has already told."

"We all hope that the mystery will be cleared up and that it will be shown that it was a burglar who shot my brother."

Tompkins avenue. I saw a policeman running and also a trolley inspector. The policeman said "He's in a vacant house (meaning the burglar), a vacant house on Halsey street." The inspector ran around to call for the reserves. I ran to my house, lighted the gas so as to illuminate the yard to prevent escape. Then brother and I ran to a vacant lot and searched in the bushes. Then we went to the roof and saw no stranger. Then I went to the street and Mrs. Latimer's house, there to learn for the first time that a burglar had shot Mr. Latimer.

Q. Did you see anybody in the back yard? A. Only policemen.

Q. You say there was considerable screaming before the shooting. How long long was this screaming? A. Well, I was awakened and lay in bed some moments before the first shot was fired. It may have been five minutes. Then I jumped up.

A Neighbor's Revelations.

Mrs. Belle Treadwell, of No. 309 Hancock street, was called next. Her testimony was as follows:

"We were sitting on our stoop in our house, a block from the Latimer house, on the night of July 2, when Mrs. Latimer came over and sat with us for a few minutes," said the witness, who was dressed in black lawn, and who is a pretty young matron.

"Mrs. Latimer stayed at our house only a few minutes. Mrs. Latimer said her husband had been shot twice and she had seen the man."

Q. Was your attention called to the Latimer house? A. Yes. I was awakened at the time, I believe. I heard two shots. I heard children's voices exclaiming "Oh, mamma!" and then cries of murder.

Q. Did you hear any screams or cries prior to the shooting? A. I did not.

Q. Did you go downstairs? A. No.

Q. Did you see any one on the roof of the veranda? A. Yes, but I did not look right away. When I did I saw her knocking on the window of the next house and crying that her husband had been shot and that she had seen the man.

She Loved Another?

Q. Now, Mrs. Treadwell, did you ever hear Mrs. Latimer say that it was hard to live with a man she did not love? A. Well, not exactly that, said the witness, looking away from the table.

Q. What was said? A. Well, a long time ago we were talking and MRS. LATIMER SAID IT WAS HARD TO BE TIED TO A MAN AND SEE SOME ONE ELSE YOU REALLY LOVED.

Q. Anything else? A. Well, I don't remember.

Q. How did Mrs. Latimer approach that subject? A. Oh, just talking about different things.

Q. Did she say it referred to herself? A. No.

Q. Was it in the abstract? A. Yes. It was not referring to herself at all.

Saw Latimer Late at Night.

John Arkwright, of No. 125 Howard street, was next called. He is a tinsmith, whose shop is a half-block from the Latimer house.

Q. Did you see Mr. Latimer on the night of July 1? A. Between 11 and a quarter to 11 P. M. he went into Dougherty's drug store and bought two one-cent stamps and left.

Q. What direction did he come from? A. I saw him only when he entered the door.

Q. Did you speak to him? A. I did not.

Q. What did Mr. Latimer say? A. He wanted two two-cent stamps, but Mr. Dougherty could only give him two one-cent stamps. That was all he said. After saying good-night he walked out of the store.

Q. How did you fix time? A. I left my lady friend at 10.30. Then I went for a soda, rode home and was in bed at 11 o'clock.

Q. Did you hear the next morning of the shooting of Mr. Latimer? A. I did, and that is how I placed the time of seeing him.

Q. Did you speak to any one of the meetings? A. Yes. When I was told of the shooting next day I said, "I can hardly believe that, as I saw him about 11 o'clock last night in the drug store."

Q. And there is no mistake in your mind that it was 10.30 or 11 o'clock when you saw Mr. Latimer? A. None.

Q. Was he fully dressed? A. Yes.

Q. Did you refer to this fact the next morning in Mr. Dougherty's drug store? A. Yes.

LATIMER WAS RATIONAL, SWEARS BARBER ENGEL.

Conrad Engel, a barber in the Kennett Building, testified as follows:

Q. Did you see Mr. Latimer at St. Mary's Hospital?

A. Yes. On the Fourth of July.

Q. Did you see Dr. Morrison there?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know him? A. Yes.

Q. Who was there? A. No one.

Q. What did you do? A. I saw him in bed. He turned his head, saying: "How are you?" I shook his hand. He said he was doing well and expected to get better.

Q. Did he have a beard? A. Yes, short beard.

Sure He Was Rational.

Q. What else was said? A. The nurse forbade further talking.

Q. Was he rational in your opinion?

A. He was. I thought he was fully aware of what was said.

Anton C. Rupprecht, of No. 379 Hancock street, the next witness, testified as follows:

"I knew Mr. Latimer. I met Mrs. Latimer when I went to pay my assessments."

Q. Were you at the Latimer house on July 2? A. Yes, I went, but did not intend to go there when I started out. I was in the neighborhood of the house and stepped in.

Q. No Evidence of Quarrel.

Q. What happened? A. I left and got home about 9.30.

Q. What time did you leave the Latimer house? A. About 9.30.

Q. Were you there when the ice cream was purchased? A. No; it may have been before or after.

Q. Did anything transpire there that would lead you to believe that there had been a quarrel?

A. Nothing.

The name of Elias Kasindorf, the cloakmaker, was called. He did not answer. He and his wife heard a quarrel in the Latimer house on the night of the shooting.

Q. Could Not See Latimer.

Policeman Finch testified that he was detailed to go to the hospital right after Mr. Latimer became conscious.

A. Yes. I went there on July 3.

Q. How long were you there altogether? A. About three hours.

Q. The doctor would not allow you to see Mr. Latimer? A. No sir.

Q. You did not see the deceased at all?

A. No sir.

Patrolman Martin J. Downe next testified.

Q. Were you detailed to relieve some officer at the bedside of Mr. Latimer?

A. Yes. I went there on July 3.

Q. When did you go again? A. The day following, was in the hospital steady from 10 A. M. until 4 P. M.

Q. Could Not Describe Him.

Q. Did you hear any conversation with

Mr. Latimer? A.